

MINUTES OF THE  
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF N.J. URBAN LEAGUE

Newark, N. J.  
February 14, 1938

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the N. J. Urban League was held the afternoon of the above date at 58 West Market Street, the President in the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. George E. Daskine. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The President began his address by expressing his gratitude for the ability of the staff and board. The present situation is a challenge. Achievements of the Scotch are an example of what may be accomplished despite handicaps.

Mr. Ormond's chief criticism arising from the very nature of his position as chairman, was that Negroes fail to develop leadership, and seem complacent about accepting the sphere allotted to them, one which does allow complete freedom to pursue happiness. His recommendations were:

1. That the group should determine what it wants.
2. That it should develop a strong feeling of cooperation.
3. That individual superiority should be cultivated.
4. That aggressive leadership should be encouraged.

Mr. Puryear in his report stated the necessity of interracial understanding and cooperation. With this idea in mind he had during the year through public addresses and forums reached 93 different representative groups, a total of \$2,790 persons.

The Old First Church took the lead in showing definite interest in the League. This lead was followed by the Newark Evening News which for the first time in the history of its Xmas Fund included an agency primarily for Negroes.

The Phyllis Wheatley Home provided lodging and home service for 473 girls and women. The Home is used also as a laboratory for first hand study of pre-delinquent girls; again as a shelter for girls whose home environment proves to be a positive detriment.

In the Industrial Department 332 placements were made from a total of 5 registered applicants. 540 persons attended a series of educational meetings for unemployed. Later a forum was organized. This was attended by 848 unemployed. Transportation was secured for 962 persons; 1,063 families put in contact with relief giving agencies. Social adjustment service has been carried to the children in 57 homes.

The outlook is not entirely discouraging. Opportunity Club has distributed clothing and shoes and cooperated with the Red Cross in making garments for children.

Groups from the Queen of Angels Catholic Parish use the League for leisure time activities. The League has cooperated with the Red Cross in distributing flour.

Since Nov. 22, 1932, 1,172 luncheons have been served to mal-nourished children from Warren Street School.

Dr. Parks, chairman of the Nominating Committee submitted the following nominations for consideration:

Honary President.....	Dr. William R. Vail
President.....	Mr. Archie H. Ormond
First Vice President..	Rev. L. Hamilton Garner
Second Vice President.	Mrs. George E. Bell
Treasurer.....	Dr. Thomas Bell
Secretary.....	Mrs. Clarence S. Janifer

For members of the Executive Committee:

Dr. Wm. H. Vail	Dr. William W. Wolfe
Mrs. Carl Bannwart	Dr. James B. Parks
Dr. Thomas Bell	Mr. James H. Beckett
Dr. John W. Hudepeth	Mrs. Walter T. Darden
Dr. Julius Levy	Mrs. Ray N. Reed
Mr. Archie H. Ormond	Miss May L. Shepard
Mrs. Arthur Wright	

On motion by Mr. Bannwart the report was accepted and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot.

The guest speaker was Mr. Ira Reid Research Director of the National Urban League; his topic, Social Work and the Negro --An Appraisal. Mr. Reid told of the rapid growth of institutions for social work between the years 1917-1923.

In these later years the programmes of these institutions are unbalanced due to the change of the idea of personal to group reaction and the problem of the unadjusted unemployed. A new point of view is needed in planning social work since there are so many persons not touched by any agency.

The problems faced by Negroes are human not racial. Negro institutions however suffer from limited personnel, lack of funds, and inferior